Government of India assists the States in their endeavor to provide potable water to rural habitations under the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Ministry of Agriculture is the nodal ministry to monitor drought situation in various States and provide necessary assistance through Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Relief Fund (NCRF) which can be used for mitigation of drinking water scarcity also. In addition, assistance is also provided under NRDWP based on the recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) to mitigate drinking water problems in the wake of natural calamities which *inter alia* includes drought.

Government is monitoring any possible water scarcity and is continuously in touch with the States. A number of suggestions to tackle drinking water scarcity have been sent to the States. States have also been sensitized to plan for tackling drinking water scarcity till the next monsoon. For implementation of rural water supply programmes the first installment of funds under NRDWP has been released to all the States.

Review of PMGSY performance

2904. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to review the performance of various States under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of project proposals under PMGSY submitted by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh pending for approval before Government; and

(d) the reasons for their pendency and the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) Performance of various States under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is reviewed regularly through the mechanism of review by the Empowered Committee, regional and performance review meetings, periodical reports and returns, three tier quality monitoring system, On-line Management, Monitoring and Accounting System (OMMAS), visit by National Quality Monitors and field visits by the offices from the Ministry and National Rural Road Development Agency (NRRDA).

(c) No proposal under MPGSY from Himachal Pradesh is pending.

(d) Does not arise.

Implementation of NREGS in Chhattisgarh

†2905. SHRI SHIVPRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.